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SUBJECT: OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL: STATEMENT ON THE SIGNING  
OF THE PROTOCOLS BY ARMENIA AND TURKEY

¶1. (U) Post is authorized to make the following statement at  
the October 15 meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in  
Vienna:

Begin Text:

Thank you, Madam Chair.

We commend the Armenian and Turkish governments for their  
courage in taking a historic step forward on October 10 in  
the process of normalizing of their relations.

Secretary of State Clinton was present in Zurich to witness  
the signing of the protocols, reinforcing our commitment to  
this important milestone for both Turkey and Armenia towards  
a more productive and fruitful relationship.

The United States remains ready to work closely with both  
governments in support of this process, which will contribute  
to peace, security, and stability throughout the region.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

End text  
CLINTON